GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:331
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2007
PAYMENT OF EXTRA WAGES UNDER NREGS
Paswan Shri Sukdeo

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding non-compliance of guidelines by some States under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last year and in the current year;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some States are paying extra wages under the Act;

(d) if so, whether the State Governments are bearing the cost of extra wages, and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.331to be answered on 7.12.2007

(a) & (b): No, Sir. No complaints regarding non compliance of guidelines by States under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) have been received. However, complaints of irregularities at the field level have been received. State-wise number of complaints received are given in Annexure I. Details are available at website www. nrega.nic.in.

(c): No, Sir. Wages are paid under NREGA as per the minimum wage fixed by the State Government under section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for agricultural labourers. The Central Government has not notified the wage rate for any state or for any area under any state for the purposes of NREG Act.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

Annexure - I

Annexure I as referred to in reply to parts (a) &(b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 331 due for reply on 7.12.2007.

S.No.	States	No. of Complaints
1	2	3
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	2
2	ASSAM	5
3	BIHAR	19
4	GUJARAT	5
5	HARYANA	2
6	KARNATAKA	3
7	MADHYA PRADESH	22
8	MAHARASHTRA	5
9	MIZORAM	1
10	ORISSA	10
11	RAJASTHAN	7
12	TAMIL NADU	2
13	UTTAR PRADESH	33
14	WEST BENGAL	10
15	CHHATTISGARH	7
16	JHARKHAND	11